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Wimbledon walls up against cyberbullies

All England Club is monitoring social media to try to help protect players from cyberbullying

The All England Club is monitoring social media to try to help protect players at Wimbledon from cyberbullying for the first time this year.

"This is not something you'll see in the public domain at all. You won't see us shout about it. But effectively, we are scrolling social media for any of this type of content, and it means that we can get information that we haven't had in the past.

We're not just relying on what the player might be saying has happened to them," tournament director Jamie Baker said Friday. "Also, if there is something that is of concern, that's when our security (team) ... can help do something about it."

Baker said the new initiative is similar to what the French Tennis Federation did during the French Open last year, when it began paying a company to provide players with software that uses artificial intelligence to block negative comments.

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"Tennis is doing a lot more of this now, so I think in general, for the athletes, it's really positive that we're taking this step," said Baker, a former player.

He said AI plays a role in the All England Club's efforts in this area, but people also are involved in keeping an eye on what's being directed at competitors online during the two-week Grand Slam tournament that finishes on July 14.

Players can opt in for the service and choose to have full scans of

what is being posted on social media. Messages can include anger expressed by gamblers who lost money on a particular match, racist comments and even sometimes rise to the level of death threats, players say.

"The basis of it is if they've got anything that we think is a concern or worth flagging, ultimately, it's engaging with the player," Baker said. "The benefit of having it is, you do have the ability to ... officially register what's going on."

After a discussion with the player, the tournament could reach out to the police, if deemed necessary, although Baker declined to say whether that has happened yet.

"I guess, if it got to a point where there was any type of criminal activity," law enforcement authorities would be brought in, Baker said, adding: "But that would be out of our hands. We'd obviously pass that on. ... But we're not obviously stepping in and becoming the police."

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Getting ready for a walk in space

Polaris Dawn, run by tech billionaire Elon Musk's SpaceX, is all set to drive billionaire Jared Isaacman, along with three others, for the first-ever 'all-civilian' spacewalk.

Polaris Dawn -- the first commercial spaceflight mission with a spacewalk -- is expected to launch on July 31. It is the first mission under "Polaris Programme" by Isaacman -- the founder of Shift4, an online payment processing company.

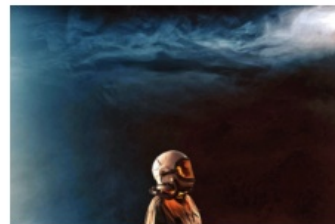
He was the commander of the first "all-civilian" space mission Inspiration4, launched in 2021. He purchased three spaceflights with

SpaceX, and named the series "Polaris Programme".

"We are targeting no earlier than July 31 for the launch of Polaris Dawn," the company said in a post on X.com.

While SpaceX is yet to formally announce the mission, it is expected to provide Dragon capsule and Falcon 9 rocket as well as space suits for the intended spacewalk.

The spacewalk at about 700 kilometres above the Earth will also test the SpaceX-designed extravehicular activity (EVA) spacesuits needed for future long-duration missions including building a base on the Moon and a city on Mars.



SpaceX's Polaris Dawn to soon drive crew to 1st-ever 'all-civilian' spacewalk

The company noted that Dragon and the Polaris Dawn crew will spend up to five days in orbit. Besides Isaacman, the other

three crewmates, include pilot Scott "Kidd" Poteet, a retired lieutenant colonel in the US Air Force who served as the mission director for Inspiration4, mission specialist Sarah Gillis, who oversees SpaceX's astronaut training programme, and medical officer Anna Menon, who manages the development of SpaceX's crew operations while also serving the company's mission control.

The mission is expected to fly higher than any crewed mission since the Apollo Programme ended in the 1970s, "endeavouring to reach the highest Earth orbit ever flown". It will also research to understand better the effects of spaceflight and space radiation on human health.

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CRYPTO THEFTS SOAR



The amount of cryptocurrency stolen in hacks globally more than doubled in the first six months of 2024 from a year earlier, driven by a small number of large attacks and rising crypto prices, blockchain researchers TRM Labs said. Hackers had stolen more than \$1.38 billion worth of crypto by June 24, 2024, compared with \$657 million in the same period in 2023, TRM Labs said. The median theft was one-and-a-half times larger than last year. "We have not seen any fundamental changes in the security of the cryptocurrency ecosystem," said Ari Redbord of TRM Labs.

Reuters

EU EYE ON AMAZON



The European Commission said on Friday it had requested Amazon provide more information on the measures the U.S. e-commerce giant has taken to comply with its Digital Services Act (DSA) obligations.

"In particular, Amazon is asked to provide detailed information on its compliance with the provisions concerning transparency of the recommender systems (...)," the EU said in a statement.

Amazon must provide the requested information by July 26, it said.

The DST requires Big Tech players to do more to tackle illegal and harmful content on their platforms. Amazon said it was reviewing the EU's request.

Reuters

UPI AT OLYMPICS



After the successful implementation of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for online ticket booking at Eiffel Tower, NPCI International Payments Limited (NPCI), the international arm of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), on Friday, enabled UPI at Galeries Lafayette's flagship store in Haussmann, ahead of Paris Olympics.

This is in partnership with Lyra, a French leader in securing e-commerce and proximity payments. Starting July 26, the Paris Olympics is expected to draw a large number of Indian visitors. Jawed Ashraf, Ambassador of India to France and Monaco, said this will pave the way for the of UPI in France.

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TREES DOWN

Cutting of several trees by property developer has raised concerns on Bannerghatta Road

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RESCUE MISSION

Wildlife rescue & rehabilitation centre in city appears to have hit roadblock as tender finds no bidders

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In 18 slums across two wards in Bengaluru, over 300 applications for ration cards are pending; and without BPL cards, these people cannot access healthcare facilities

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BangaloreOne centre hiccups hitting the poor hardest

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rfan Pasha, a 42-year-old street vendor from a slum in Chelvag-palya, has been running from pillar to post for days now. Pasha is in urgent need of a kidney transplant after both his kidneys failed nearly a year ago. The fruit seller, who is the sole bread earner of his family, has been on dialysis at Victoria Hospital. While Pasha's sister has come forward to donate her kidney and save her brother's life, it still appears like a distant dream for the family.

In the absence of a ration card, Pasha's sister will have to spend Rs 2.5 lakh to get her kidney extracted, a sum that is beyond their reach.

"The family has been trying to apply for a ration card so the treatment cost can be brought down, but there are many hurdles. They reached out to their nearest BangaloreOne centre but it took them a few trips to multiple BangaloreOne centres in the city to be able to reach the next step. However, now they are unable to upload their documents due to server-related issues, losing precious time," said Jhansi, a member of Slum Mahila Sanghatane that is working with the slum dwellers in the city.

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“The department has no system in place to inform the slum dwellers when new applications are invited for issuance of ration cards. The beneficiaries of the scheme are not well versed in technology to go to the department's website and check these details

— Raghavendra B Pachhapur, ActionAid Association

Cultural centre: Yes; shopping area: No

Sadashivanagar residents want BDA to consult with them about plans for civic amenities site in their hood



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The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA's) plan to redevelop a mini market at Sadashivanagar as the part of its plan to revitalise seven complexes across the city through a public-private partnership model, has given momentum to greater community consultation involving local residents.

The local residents said the project, which aims to generate revenue for the BDA, involves transforming the site into a commercial complex. They said that they can understand the need for the BDA to generate revenue but they stress on the importance of considering the impact on the local community, particularly given the site's proximity to residential areas.

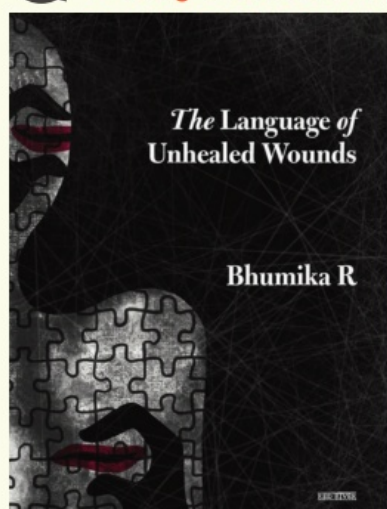
Bangalore Mirror had written on November 5, 2022, about how the rundown shopping complex at the upmarket neighbourhood, with most business shut down, has become a classic example of BDA's apathy and inefficiency.

The residents said the Sadashivanagar mini market is designated as a Civic Amenities (CA) site, intended to serve the community's needs and enhance

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Poetry collections



Celebrate the magic of poetry with Bhumika R as she shares her thoughts along with Prof Shonha M, the Chief Guest of the event, at the launch of her debut poetry

collection, "The Language of Unhealed Wounds," at Atta Galatta. The book has been illustrated by Mithila Baidur, a multidisciplinary artist and art educator. **Where:** Atta Galatta **When:** July 6, 12:30 pm



02 Musical blend

Experience the deep, dark, leftfield experimental music with electrifying tunes at 'Obscura,' by Watashi, Obscure, Dj Dwell, and Shivhari. Obscura is a place for the unknown and the unconventional, where you can find a blend of sonic temperaments without any confines and traverse through the realms of deep, dark, leftfield experimental music with a non-conforming outlook. **Where:** Indiranagar Social **When:** July 6, 7 pm onwards

03 Pumpkin time

It's pumpkin time! Join Priya Muthukumar for a fun-filled storytelling session on pumpkins. From tales to games, have a fun time as you listen to a few heartwarming, hilarious pumpkin tales, play a few pumpkin games, and take home a pumpkin craft. Besides being fun, the session is loosely based on 'healthy eating.' **Where:** Atta Galatta; **When:** July 6, 11 am



Photo exhibition: Step into Navroze Contractor's world

Exhibit 'Photography Strictly Prohibited' features selection of images from 20,000 photographs taken over 60 years; is on display at BIC until July 7

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An exhibition of photographs by Navroze Contractor, titled 'Photography Strictly Prohibited' was inaugurated at the Bangalore International Centre (BIC) on Friday. A book with the same title was also released at the event, featuring a few of Navroze's interviews. The exhibition marks the first anniversary of his death as well as his birthday. He would have turned 80 on July 7 of this year.

Curated by documentary producer, director, and editor Sanjiv Shah, photographer and motorcycle enthusiast Himanshu Panchal, and photographer Anuj Ambalal, the exhibition showcases the work of the renowned cinematographer and prolific still photographer Navroze Contractor. Contractor's collection of photographs of jazz musicians is now with the Smithsonian Museum. This exhibition features a selection from over 20,000 images taken over 60 years, many of which have not been previously exhibited. The retrospective hopes to reflect Contractor's empathetic gaze and his ability to capture the perfect photographic moment.

"In the 35 years that I knew him, I rarely ever remember him stepping out of the house without a still camera. Of the hundreds of photographs taken of Navroze, starting in the early 1960s, there are rarely any pho-



Navroze Contractor's photographs are exhibited at the Bangalore International Centre

tos of him where he could be seen without a camera dangling from his neck or shoulder, unless, of course, he was astride a motorcycle. But except for a brief period during the late 1960s when he worked for the Ford Foundation as a photographer, he was never a photographer in the classical sense. Other than the jazz musicians that he photographed for over three decades, he rarely ever pursued a subject or story," Sanjiv Shah said in the curatorial note.

Shah added that Contractor had the unique gift of connecting with people of all ages and across cross-sections of society. He liked to observe people, meet them, talk to them, and know about them even when he was not shooting pictures. Growing up in a time when the country offered space for multiple viewpoints and artists of all ilk—poets, writers, painters, and filmmakers—believed their work could contribute to the crea-

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— Sanjiv Shah, in his curatorial note

tion of an equitable nation, he aligned with progressive politics that empathised with the underprivileged and the marginalized. "This informed the way he captured people on his camera, always with compassion and never allowing the camera to impose, intrude, or be patronizing. For him, the camera was an extension of his 'eye', to capture the world as he saw it. A documentation of his journey through life, in a way, that was not even necessary to share with the world," he adds.

Other than the jazz photographs and a smaller set of photographs of the traditional Kush-ti Akhadas of Dharwar, none of his other work has been shown

publicly, the curators noted. "In fact, it was only in the last few years that he was convinced to shed his reluctance to share this part of his life and agree to digitise his analogue images, which could then be curated and exhibited," Shah says. The book and the images aim to share the unseen work with the public.

The show's opening was followed by a talk by writer Arshia Sattar and included the screening of 'Jharu Katha', a 64-minute documentary film photographed and directed by Navroze. The exhibition will be on until July 7 from 11 am to 8 pm at BIC. The exhibition will travel across India, with a longer halt in Ahmedabad in October.

Will BDA agree to let stakeholders have a say?

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residents' quality of life. The Sadashivanagar Residents' Welfare Association (SRWA) conducted a poll and meetings among residents to gather their preferences for the redevelopment. The consensus suggests a strong preference for a sports/recreation complex or a cultural hub with underground parking, which would fulfill the long-standing needs of the community while also generating revenue for the BDA. The residents believe that any development

should respect the character of the neighborhood and address their concerns. "We request the authorities to listen to the voices of the people, and develop this space as a model sports or cultural hub that can then be replicated in other urban residential communities," Indu Sridhar, President, Sadashivanagar Residents Welfare Association (SRWA).

The residents urge the BDA to engage with the community and consider their input to ensure the redevelopment is both resident-friendly and economically

viable. They said that CA sites are meant to serve the community and the authorities have to ensure that the redevelopment of the mini market aligns with the interests and well-being of the local residents.

"I have been living opposite the site of the proposed BDA commercial complex for the last 32 years. I, along with the other neighbouring residents of this site, oppose the construction of a multi-storey commercial complex here as it will cause a lot of social and civic problems in the neighbourhood. We propose the

construction of a model children's park or a sports and recreation centre in the name of Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar, who is dear to us all as a youth icon and was a resident of Sadashivanagar," said Ishwar Chandra Mudegowdar.

As the BDA moves forward with its redevelopment plans, the residents of Sadashivanagar stand ready to work with the authorities to ensure that the project benefits all stakeholders and serves as a positive example of community engagement in urban development.

Shady business: 30 trees at risk of being cut down

These trees don't cause obstruction of any kind: Arekere flat residents mobilise against axing

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Residents of Esteem Enclave Apartments on Bannerghatta Road have raised concerns over the felling of trees located at the boundary of their property in Arekere.

On Friday, the residents met with the Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), who stated that permission had been requested to cut five trees. "If we knew earlier, we would have found other ways to transplant the trees," the DCF said. "If more than five trees are cut, a notice will be issued. If it is less than that, we will see if transplantation is possible."

Over 30 well-grown trees were planted along this boundary, but the adjacent property began cutting them down shortly after informing the residents of their intent. Given the short notice, the residents could do little but watch as some trees were chopped in front of them. They promptly reached out to environmental activists for help in saving the remaining trees.

Joy VR from Sarjapur RWA, known for his involvement in the Bannerghatta tree plantation efforts, was alerted by the residents. He, along with them, contacted the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) forest department. "As per the information, the management committee of Esteem Enclave was informed in May through verbal communication that the trees would be cut. However, nothing was done back then. But three days ago, the adjacent building officials decided to cut the trees," Joy said.

The residents became concerned



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“Our intention is to save these trees. Over five to six trees have been cut in total, including two ancient and big trees: peepal and cluster fig

—Apartment Resident

ceptable.”

A resident from Esteem Enclave said, “The trees are at the boundary of the apartment. They are not causing any obstruction. We were shocked to see that the felling of these trees, even if they are at the border of two properties, is permitted. These trees are not obstructing peaceful living but instead are helping rejuvenate people and keep the environment cooler.”

The residents also submitted a let-

ter to the BBMP chief commissioner to save these trees. For now, the felling has been halted, and the residents hope it will not continue. “Over five to six trees have been cut in total, including two ancient and big trees, a pipal, and a cluster fig. There are many indigenous trees in our society that provide shelter to birds, squirrels, and monkeys. They are a source of fresh air. Our intention is to save the trees,” another resident added.

Fan murder case: SIT issues notices to accomplices

The Karnataka Police's Special Investigation Team (SIT), which is probing the Renukaswamy murder case, on Friday issued a second notice to the former Deputy Mayor of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Mohan Raju, and directed him to appear before it.

The second notice was issued after he failed to respond to the earlier one. After it was discovered during the investigation that Raju had handed actor Darshan Rs 40 lakh to handle the costs associated with the murder, the SIT wants to question him about the money's source and his involvement in the case.

The SIT has also issued notice to Samatha, a friend of Darshan's 'partner' and prime accused in the murder case. The probe revealed that she had also given money

to an accused in the case, Dhanveer, who surrendered to the police, claiming that along with three others, he had killed Renukaswamy to save Darshan. The sources also revealed that the driver of a Bengaluru MLA has also been issued notice after the police found his movements on the day when the crime was committed.

Furthermore, Kannada film director Milana Prakash was also questioned by the police in connection with the case on Friday. The police recorded his statement at Basaveshwara police station. It is said that soon after Renukaswamy's murder, Darshan had gone for the shooting of the Kannada film titled 'Devil'.

Meanwhile, Darshan's wife, Vijayalakshmi Darshan, wrote to Bengaluru Police Commissioner B



Actor Darshan was arrested on charges of murdering Renukaswamy, a resident of Chitradurga who was also his fan

Dayananda, requesting that he set right records that she was the wife of the actor and not Pavithra Gowda.

“While addressing the media initially, you wrongly addressed Pavithra Gowda as Darshan Srinivas' wife, which was furthered by all, including the home minister of Karnataka as well as the national media,” she wrote in her letter. She said she is the only legally married wife of the 48-year-old actor.

The judicial custody of all the accused named in the murder case, including Darshan, ended on Thursday. Following which, the court extended the judicial custody of Darshan and the other 15 accused until July 18, an official said. The prosecution told the court that the judicial custody of all the accused should be extended, saying they had the scantiest respect for the law and indulged in serious offences like murder and destruction of evidence.

—Agencies

Prajwal's bail put off by 2 weeks

Karnataka High Court has adjourned the bail petition of former JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna, prime accused in a sex video scandal, by two weeks. The bench headed by Justice Krishna S Dixit underlined that there is no urgency to hear the matter while passing the order.

The counsel for Prajwal had submitted the plea in the Holenarasipura sexual assault case and requested the bench look into the matter on an urgent basis. After taking up the matter, the bench stated, “Let the investigation go on; there is no necessity to look into the bail petition now. Let the objections be submitted to the court regarding the bail plea.”

Earlier, the Special Court for MP/MLAs had quashed the bail petition of Prajwal, presently lodged in Bengaluru Central Prison. He has been remanded to judicial custody until July 8. His brother, JD(S) MLC Suraj Revanna, is also jailed. His father, JD(S) MLA HD Revanna, and mother, Bhavani Revanna, are out on conditional bail in a kidnapping case linked to the sex video scandal.

—IANS

Clean sweep against dengue



Around 1,500 students from 20 schools in and around Jayanagar participated in a rally on Friday aimed at spreading awareness among the residents of the area on the importance of keeping their surroundings clean and neat amid the rampant spread of dengue in the city.

Transport and Muzrai Minister Ramalinga Reddy, former MLA Sowmya Reddy, and former ruling party leader in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Council N Nagaraj participated in the rally. “The state government and the BBMP have taken measures to ensure blood testing is made affordable for patients. I appeal to the residents to keep their surroundings clean and neat,” said Reddy. “The BBMP health department has taken appropriate measures to control dengue cases in the city,” Nagaraj said.

Emphasising the need for public cooperation with the authorities to control dengue cases in the city, the minister said, “I want the public to use the medical facilities at Namma Clinics and Primary Health Centres. I suggest that they identify the places prone to water stagnation and take appropriate measures to ensure that there is no collection of dirty water at such places.”

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Bengaluru real estate booms: Prices surge 57% in 5 years

Bengaluru, India's dynamic metropolis known as the 'Silicon Valley' and 'Garden City', has emerged as a prime hub for residential and commercial real estate opportunities. According to the ANAROCK report titled 'Bengaluru's Real Estate - Your Gateway to Opportunity', the city has seen a remarkable increase in average residential prices, rising by 57% over the last five years.

Dr Prashant Thakur, Regional Director & Head of Research at ANAROCK Group, noted, "Average residential prices in Bengaluru reached INR 7,800 per sq. ft. by H1 2024-end, up from INR 4,960 per sq. ft. in H1 2019-end. Notably, there was a substantial year-on-year increase of 32%, rising from INR 5,900 per sq. ft. in H1 2023 to INR 7,800 per sq. ft. in H1 2024."

Driven by escalating construction costs and escalating demand from investors and buyers, prices have rebounded after a period of relative stagnation between structural reforms and the 2019 pandemic. Post-COVID-19, heightened demand and increased construction expenses have prompted developers to raise prices.

Dr Thakur added, "The surge in new launches within Bengaluru's premium and luxury segments in H1 2024 further contributed to the rise in average prices. Approximately 75% of the new supply totalling around 32,500 units in H1 2024 was concentrated in these upscale segments."

North Bengaluru leads with the highest average capital value exceeding INR 7,000 per sq. ft. among the



city's quadrants (East, West, North, and South).

The report notes Bengaluru's strong office space demand since 2020, reaching record levels and highlighting its enduring appeal and vibrant business environment. Average office rentals in key Bengaluru markets saw annual growth between 4% and 8% last year.

Despite positive trends, Bengaluru grapples with urban challenges like traffic, water scarcity, air pollution, waste management deficits, and flooding due to urban sprawl. Mitigation efforts include ongoing projects like MMLP, BSRP, Namma Metro Phases 2 and 3, Bengaluru Satellite Ring Road, expressways, airport city development, and connectivity corridors to alleviate these pressures.

Looking forward to 2024, Bengaluru expects a 10-15% rise in residential launches and sales compared to 2023,

with average property values set to increase by 10% city-wide. Prime locations and tech corridors may experience higher growth rates.

Bengaluru sees 24% Y-o-Y surge in office leasing

Bengaluru saw a 24% year-on-year rise in office leasing, reaching 8.5 million sq. ft. during the first half of 2024. The 'CBRE India Office Figures Q2 2024' report noted tech firms, flexible space operators, and life sciences companies dominated quarterly absorption from April to June 2024. Global Capability Centers (GCCs) accounted for 55% of the quarterly absorption.

CBRE South Asia Pvt. Ltd., India's leading real estate consulting firm, unveiled these findings today. According to the report, Bengaluru's office space leasing

reached 8.5 million sq. ft. in the first half of 2024, up from 6.9 million sq. ft. in the same period of 2023. The supply of office space stood at 7.7 million sq. ft. during January to June 2024.

In the second quarter of 2024, leasing activity reached 4.0 million sq. ft. with supply at 3.8 million sq. ft. Key transactions included Syngene leasing 213,900 sq. ft. at Bengaluru Lifesciences Park, MathCo leasing 212,000 sq. ft. at HPE IWF Campus - Tower B, and Atlassian leasing 200,000 sq. ft. at DivyaSree Greens - I.

Nationwide, office leasing stayed strong, totalling 32.8 million sq. ft. in H1 2024, a 14% YoY increase across nine major cities. Bengaluru led with approximately 25% of the leasing, followed by Delhi-NCR at 16%, Chennai at 14%, and Pune and Hyderabad at 13%. **BMB**

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Mysore-Magadi road to get vital railway underbridge

The Railway Department has approved the construction of a railway underbridge (RUB) near Challaghatta, connecting Magadi Road and Mysore Road, to enhance connectivity between Mysuru and Magadi Road. Initially requested by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) in 2019, the project faced delays due to factors such as COVID-19 and land acquisition issues. Estimated at 39 crore, the RUB will serve as a vital link between the two roads, easing traffic congestion. With approval secured, the BDA is ready to begin construction on the underbridge.

A private company has secured the tender for constructing a railway underbridge (RUB). This project adds to their ongoing work on the Major Arterial Road (MAR). The RUB will link up with the Metro line under construction by BMRCL and will span four lanes. Although the MAR project has faced delays due to legal issues concerning land acquisition, BDA officials assure that it will be completed shortly.

They report that legal matters are nearing resolution, and once settled, the remaining road work will progress swiftly. The RUB planned between Kenchenahalli and Hejjala railway stations, serves as a crucial link between the Metro line and the two roads.

The MAR project, spanning 10.75 km and costing approximately 450 crore, is currently underway. This expansive road will have a width of 100 meters and 8 lanes, connecting all 9 blocks of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout and providing access to Magadi Road and Mysore Road. Key features include three underpasses, 35 small bridges,

es, and a railway underbridge. Once finished, the MAR project will significantly ease traffic congestion by linking these two roads.

In 2019, BDA requested the Railway Department's permission to build a railway underbridge (RUB) linking MAR in Kempegowda Layout to Mysore Road. Delays ensued for various reasons, but Railway Department approval has now resolved the issue. The RUB will connect MAR and Mysore Road, bypassing the railway track obstacle.

Reacting to this, Rajesh Kumar, a real estate developer said, "The approval of the railway under bridge is a game-changer for connectivity between Mysuru and Magadi Road."

This infrastructure development will enhance commuter convenience and real estate prospects in surrounding areas.

Improved connectivity always translates into increased property values. With easier access between major roads, properties in the vicinity are likely to see heightened demand.

This project will unlock new opportunities for residential and commercial developments, attracting more investors and homebuyers alike. Enhanced connectivity encourages businesses to set up operations nearby, leading to job creation and further demand for residential properties.

The approval and upcoming construction of the railway under bridge are poised to significantly bolster connectivity and spur real estate development along the Mysuru and Magadi Road corridors. Developers and stakeholders anticipate positive impacts on property values, increased business activity, and overall economic vitality in the region."

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You can bank on a home construction loan

Both home and construction loans provide tax deductions, but the timing differs. A home loan offers immediate deductions but the interest paid on a home construction loan during the construction period cannot be claimed as a deduction immediately. However, this interest (known as pre-construction interest) can be accumulated and claimed in five equal instalments after the construction

is completed, starting from the financial year in which the construction is completed.

Process of applying for a home construction loan

Pre-qualification:

Borrowers must meet with lenders to discuss their project and financial situation, determine eligibility, and estimate how much they can borrow.

Application: Applicants should then submit a detailed plan and specifications of the

home, cost estimates, timeline, and proof of land ownership to properly evaluate the feasibility of the project.

Review and appraisal:

The lender reviews the application, conducts a credit check, and appraises the proposed project to ensure it aligns with local market values. Kathuria notes, "The lender conducts verification based on the architectural plan developed by the architect, outlining the fund requirements. At

the same time, the authenticity of the request is verified, starting with cross-verification of the property valuation."

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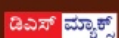
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Rejuvenated but neglected; CSR-funded lakes turn toxic

East Bengaluru residents are worried about the worsening condition of water bodies outside BBMP limits due to sewage and industrial effluents

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Residents of East Bengaluru are expressing concerns about the deteriorating state of water bodies in villages outside BBMP limits. They point out that the water bodies recently rejuvenated through CSR initiatives are in the worst condition. Mullur Lake in Kodathi village near Sarjapur Main Road serves as a prime example. Local lake activists report that the water body, developed a year ago by an NGO in collaboration with a private firm, has already deteriorated into a large septic tank, with sewage and industrial effluents flowing in unchecked. "The lake underwent rejuvenation, but without a diversion channel, sewage from the entire catchment area flows directly into it. Over the last year, at least four to five commercial buildings, mostly paying guest accommodations, have come up in Ambedkar Nagar and nearly 10 more are under construction. Sewage from these buildings is entering the lake directly," alleged Chetan Gopal, an environment enthusiast in the area.

The Kodathi Gram Panchayat office recently issued notices to commercial establishments, requesting them to submit the necessary construction permits. Additionally, there have been reports of industrial effluent entering the lake from the



The deteriorating state of Hadosiddapura Lake

vicinity of RGB Tech Park.

Concerned locals say the rejuvenation process did not involve consultation sessions with residents and local lake activists. "We have not seen any detailed project report so far. All the untreated waste and effluent entering the lake accumulates near the lake's outlet and gives an unbearable stench. It is difficult to go anywhere close to this area," said another resident. There are 12 lakes in the area. While those that have not been rejuvenated need a facelift, the ones developed through CSR

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— Resident

funding are ailing. Apart from Mullur, other lakes in the area include Kachamaranahalli Lake, Sulikunte Lake, Kodathi Lake, Devarakere Lake, Hadosiddapura Lake, and Halanayakanahalli Lake.

Residents highlight that Heggondanahalli Lake, another water body in the area has met a similar fate. "Hadosiddapura Lake was rejuvenated in 2019-20 and is in a bad state too. It is receiving a large volume of raw sewage from unregulated labour camps in the area. No guidelines are issued by the GP office on sewage management from these temporary camps. We also reached out to RERA, however, they cited their inability to help us as they can only manage builders but not the subcontractors who hire labourers," said Gopal. City-based solid waste management experts state that the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (KTCDA) Act requires the authority's technical approval before initiating the rejuvenation of water bodies. Therefore, NGOs and companies that sponsor such ad-hoc and unscientific projects using CSR funds should also be held accountable if they proceed without proper approval.

"The majority of the CSR-based rejuvenation projects come with KTCDA-approved DPR. Thus, not just the NGO executing the project, but the CSR-funding agency should be held liable too. KTCDA is equally responsible for such illegal activities. The Authority is well aware of such cases but chooses to keep mum. This only goes to prove that KTCDA is hands-in gloves. Immediate action is required to stop this corruption," said V Ramprasad, founder of Friends of Lakes.

BBMP's clean sweep: Tree guard cleanup earns high praise

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) received praise and appreciation from pedestrians, motorists, and environmentalists for their swift action in clearing plastic and garbage from tree guards installed on Cubbon Road. On July 4, Bangalore Mirror published a story titled "Bins of Shame: Tree Guards at Cubbon Road Turn into Dustbins," detailing how neglect and poor maintenance

have led to tree guards being used as dustbins. In response, the BBMP engaged workers to remove the plastic and garbage from the tree guards on Thursday.

R. Rajagopalan of the Bengaluru Residents Welfare Association praised the BBMP for clearing plastic and garbage from the tree guards. He also expressed gratitude to Bangalore Mirror for covering the story, highlighting the positive impact of their reporting on the core city's civic infrastructure conditions. "It is nice to see the BBMP Forest Department swing into action on this report, hopefully, the solid waste management team will now keep the area clean. It also highlights the need for dry waste bins in core areas. We sincerely hope that the Forest Department will carefully remove and repurpose all the metal guards with minimal damage. Their goal should not be to seek scrap value," Rajagopalan said.



He noted that sometimes a reaction is better than inaction and expressed sadness that active citizens must report these issues and act as wardens and watchdogs. "Some of these issues have surely been ignored and the deplorable conditions existed for years. A proper survey across the city is now due to identify such issues by the BBMP Forest Department," he said.

Vinod Jacob of Namma Ben-

galuru Foundation has praised the BBMP for taking prompt action and cleaning up the tree guards. "They should recycle these guards for other saplings and remove them from these grown trees. We need guards which should have gates with hinges on one side to clean them from any waste or garbage in the future. Good work by the BBMP and forest division thanks them for their fast response," he said.

An active citizen, pleading anonymity, has said that while it is commendable that BBMP responded positively to the complaint, the root cause that needs to be addressed is the metal tree guard that has outlived its utility and is now posing a danger to the tree it protected.

"As there are no waste bins in this heavy footfall area, the tree guards get used as bins and are very hard for pourakarmikas to clean. We suggest that either the Forest Dept or concerned citizens, employ a heavy-duty metal cutter to remove the tree guard," he said.

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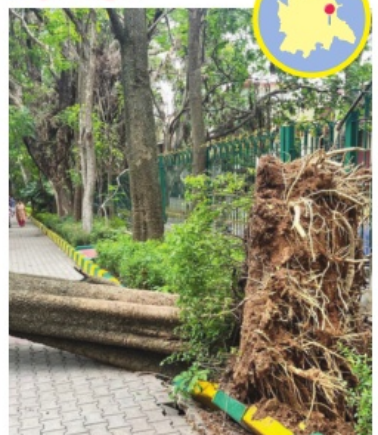
Frazer Town



An alms seeker has been noticed sitting at the Saunders Road junction in Frazer Town for the past couple of months. Her presence near the main road is raising concerns about the safety risks for both herself and others.

Uncleared tree

Jayanagar



At Akkamahadevi Park in Jayanagar, a tree that fell three weeks ago at 33rd Cross/5th Main, 4th Block, still hasn't been cleared, highlighting the BBMP's inefficiency.

Hygiene threat

Shivajinagar



Stagnant water at a BBMP corporation school site on Cooks Road, Shivajinagar has been a health hazard for the past six months.



Residents applaud quick removal of garbage from Cubbon Road after "Bins of shame" story raises awareness

Initiative balancing flavour & health

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In a significant step towards promoting public health, MyThali, in collaboration with NIDAN, launched an educational programme aimed at educating street food vendors in Bengaluru on the importance of nutrition and healthy cooking practices. The initiative, which kicked off with a robust training session, aims to reach 500 street food vendors, thereby reducing the risk of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) among the city's population.

The inaugural session on Friday saw the participation of 56 enthusias-

tic food vendors. "I learned a lot from this valuable session. Each vendor received a special MyThali apron, a training certificate, and an informative flyer summarising the session into easy-to-follow tips. I mainly use palm oil, but after today's session, I understand why it's unhealthy, and now I'll look at using sunflower or vegetable oil," said Satish Naik, a Chinese fast food vendor. "The session was very informative, and I feel street food vendors should be quality-oriented and should not use the same oil for frying again and again," said Akbar Sheikh, a chaat seller.

This initiative is part of MyThali's pledge to Arogya City, aiming to conduct ten interventions over July and August to reach their goal of educating



500 street food vendors. The specialised training module of each two-hour session, comprising 50 vendors, focuses on enhancing their understanding of healthy cooking, emphasising the reduction of oil and salt usage, safe oil reuse practices, and the overall impact of unhealthy eating on NCDs such as diabetes, heart disease, and cancer. This initiative aligns with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI) Eat Right India programme, which advocates for diet diversity, balanced diets, and the elimination of harmful substances from food.

The response from the first session has set a positive tone for future training sessions, indicating a strong willingness among vendors to adopt healthier cooking practices.

BBMP wildlife rescue centre delayed again

Zero bids delay crucial project; calls for urgent re-tender



Bannerghatta Biological Park

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) plan to set up a wildlife rescue-cum-rehabilitation centre in the city appears to have hit a roadblock. According to officials from the Forest Department of the civic agency, the project is still in the initial stages.

"The project has not taken off yet. We floated a tender some time back but received no bids. We are planning to float the tender once again soon. The work on the project will begin immediately after we select a suitable bidder," said a Forest Department official.

Notably, BBMP, in association with Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) and city-based NGOs, announced the project in January this year. The plan was to effectively manage the increasing cases of wild-

"We are planning to float the tender once again soon. The work on the project will begin immediately after we select a suitable bidder"

—Forest Department official

life rescue calls from various parts of the city.

The centre, with a capacity to rescue and rehabilitate at least 30 animals and birds, has been proposed to be located at BBP and will be managed by BBP officials along with veterinarians from NGOs such as the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRC).

The decision to create the centre was taken after noticing an increase in the

number of wildlife rescue calls from various parts of the city. BBMP officials had then informed BM that the Forest Department is flooded with calls to rescue monkeys, small mammals, and snakes, among other animals. The department had also been receiving cases of small animals entering people's houses.

"While our current rescue team tries to attend to all these calls, it gets difficult to manage without a dedicated centre, and thus the idea was mooted," said an official.

Experts say as the city continues to grow, wildlife rescue cases from urban areas have increased. Given the scenario, BBMP's rescue and rehabilitation centre will also be a respite for citizens involved in animal rescues.

"BBMP coming up with a rescue centre in the city is a welcome move. However, the project should be accelerated before it is delayed indefinitely and then shelved ultimately," said a city-based animal rescuer.

More trains on Purple Line

From Saturday, Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRL) will increase the frequency of Metro trains on the Purple Line. From Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station - Majestic 15 trains will move. Of these, 10 will run to Pattanduru Agrahara (ITPL), 4 to Whitefield, and 1 to Baiyappanahalli station. To meet commuter demands, 6 trains currently terminating at Garudacharpalya will be extended to Pattanduru Agrahara (ITPL) or Whitefield. Evening headways will start earlier, at 4:20 pm from Baiyappanahalli, reducing the wait time for passengers traveling towards Mysore Road station. The Green Line timetable remains unchanged, according to a release.

Mysuru DC transferred amid MUDA controversy

The Karnataka government on Friday transferred the District Commissioner of Mysuru, Dr KV Rajendra, amid controversy surrounding irregularities in plot allotments by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). Although 21 senior IAS officers were transferred, Dr Rajendra's transfer raised eyebrows as he had written letters to MUDA and the state government to cancel the site allotments. Senior IAS officer Lakshmikanth Reddy G was appointed as the new DC. The State BJP criticised the Congress government, with President BY Vijayendra accusing them of retaliating against an efficient officer to cover up the MUDA land scam, as Dr Rajendra had written 15 letters objecting to the allotments.

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On the edge of despair

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According to the Sanghatane, Pasha is not the only victim of poor service at BaangaloreOne centres and technical issues marring the scheme. Just in 18 slums across two wards in Bengaluru, over 300 applications for ration cards are pending. The outcome is that poor families are unable to get urgent medical treatments even in government hospitals.

Grassroot level workers say these applications were filed from KR Market and Chelwadyapalya wards in 2017-18. However, their applications are still pending.

No treatment for them

"Many applicants from areas such as Anandpuram, KP Agrahara, and JJR Nagar are senior citizens and since they do not have BPL cards, they have not received treatment for health issues like kidney and heart-related ailments also. They submitted their application in 2017-18. They are all street vendors who are not working anymore and their children are supporting them. But they will not be able to avail treatment without the card," added Jhansi.

Those helping the slum dwellers get the cards say the Food and Civil

Supplies Department needs reform to be more useful to the category of citizens they are catering to.

"The department has no system in place to inform the slum dwellers when new applications are invited for issuance of ration cards. The beneficiaries of the scheme are not well versed in technology to go to the department's website and check these details. While they are informed by ration shopkeepers about the short window opened by the department to invite applications, they face a fresh hurdle at BangaloreOne centres. Even if they brave that, they are then stuck with poor server performance. This process has to change and be made user-friendly," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur of ActionAid Association.

Baby dies due to genital injury during C-section; family protests

A baby, whose genital allegedly got cut during the caesarean delivery in Davanagere district, succumbed to his injuries on Friday, after which the family staged a protest demanding action against the erring doctor.

The relatives of the baby staged a protest outside Chigateri District Hospital, demanding accountability and action against the doctor.

On June 17, Amrutha was admitted to the district hospital for delivery. As Amrutha could not have a normal delivery, the doctor decided to per-

form a C-section surgery.

The baby's parents Arjun and Amrutha alleged that doctor Nijamuddin while performing the surgery and taking out the newborn allegedly cut the baby's private part.

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Eleven months after being awarded the tender for construction of the Ejipura Flyover, work has finally resumed on the flyover that has been under construction since 2017. In the latest deadline, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has projected that the work would be completed by 2026.

Civil works on the Ejipura flyover have resumed recently after a long delay and citizens now have to wait only till 2026. Currently, work has resumed on the stretch near the Koramangala Water tank signal now that all the trees have been cleared in the area for the project. The contract for Ejipura flyover work was awarded to Hyderabad-based BSCPL Infrastructure Ltd in July 2023. Still, the work was not resumed due to trees that required to be axed falling within the alignment of the project. According to BBMP officials, the project completion status stands at 48 per cent as of now and they would need Rs 200 crore to finish the work. "Work has resumed by the contractor and currently they are starting work near the water tank signal area. According to new estimates, it would take another 18 months for work to be completed," said a senior BBMP official.

However, BBMP has reasoned the delay in starting work to the need for assessment by Indian Institute of Science (IISc). "The project has been abandoned for the past two-three years. We wanted to conduct a study to assess if the existing structure can

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—BBMP official



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be included as part of the project. In this regard, we asked IISc to conduct a study and they have given a satisfactory response to continue the work. Additionally, some parts of the flyover were stolen and had to be replaced," he added.

Regarding the axing of trees, the BBMP has mostly completed the clearance work from the project areas except for a few trees in the St John's Hospital area. "Some trees are inside the St John's Hospital compound that need to be removed. To initiate the tree

axing, we will take up land acquisition and clear the trees," he added.

To complete the 2.5-km-long flyover stretching from the junction of Ejipura Main Road-Inner Ring Road to Kendriya Sadan Junction, the project was estimated to be completed with Rs 525 crore. However subsequent delays have led to an increase in the project cost. As per earlier estimates, the Palike required Rs 141.6 crore to complete the remaining portions and now it needs Rs 200 crore.

Meal at home: Veg cost up, non-veg down

The cost of preparing a home-cooked vegetarian thali surged by 10 per cent in June compared to the same period last year, while the cost of a non-vegetarian thali decreased by 4 per cent, according to the latest estimates from CRISIL report.

This divergence in food costs has been largely influenced by significant changes in the prices of key ingredients.

The increase in the cost of a vegetarian thali can be attributed to a sharp rise in the prices of essential vegetables—tomato, onion, and potato (TOP).

On-year, tomato prices shot up by 30 per cent, onion prices soared by 46 per cent, and potato prices increased by a staggering 59 per cent. This surge in vegetable prices has largely been due to several adverse factors impacting supply.

The summer crop faced a major setback due to high temperatures in key growing regions like Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. This led to a virus infestation and, subsequently, a 35 per cent reduction in tomato arrivals.

The market saw lower onion arrivals as a result of a significant drop in rabi acreage, leading to a supply shortage and a spike in prices.

Unseasonal rainfall in March adversely affected the yield of the potato crop, contributing to the price surge.

Furthermore, other staple ingredients for the vegetarian thali also witnessed price hikes. The cost of rice, which makes up about 13 per cent of the veg thali, rose by 13 per cent due to a dip in acreage and subdued arrivals.

Pulses, accounting for 9 per cent of the thali's cost, saw a 22 per cent increase in price, attributed to a dry spell during key kharif months affecting their production. In contrast, the cost of a non-vegetarian thali decreased primarily due to a notable decline in broiler prices, which account for approximately 50 per cent of the non-veg thali cost. Broiler prices fell by around 14 per cent on a year-on-year basis. Despite the annual trends, both vegetarian and non-vegetarian thalis saw a rise in costs on a month-on-month basis. The cost of the veg thali increased by 6 per cent from May to June, driven by a 9 per cent, 15 per cent, and 29 per cent rise in the prices of potato, onion, and tomato, respectively. These increases were due to continued low arrivals of these vegetables.

Similarly, the cost of the non-veg thali rose by 4 per cent over the same period. While elevated vegetable prices contributed to this increase, the rise was mitigated by a modest 1 per cent increase in broiler costs. This trend of rising costs for the vegetarian thali has been observed since May, when the cost of a home-cooked vegetarian meal increased by 9 per cent compared to the previous year.

—ANI

CCTVs out: ICSE, ISC exam halls to be closely watched

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In a major move aimed at ensuring examination integrity and security, the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) has mandated the installation of CCTV cameras in examination halls, with footage retention mandated until the declaration of results.

CISCE recently disseminated a comprehensive handbook to its affiliated schools that provides a detailed academic calendar for the academic year 2025, specifically focusing on the scheduling and conduct of ICSE and ISC examinations. It delineates the responsibilities of examination conveners in overseeing the seam-

less execution of exams and stipulates that schools must make the requisite arrangements in their examination halls. Effective from 2025 onwards, the implementation of CCTV surveillance in examination halls is now obligatory across all affiliated schools, reflecting CISCE's commitment to enhancing examination security and transparency.

A school principal said, "The introduction of mandatory CCTV surveillance in examination halls is a proactive step towards ensuring fairness and credibility in assessments. It underscores our collective commitment to maintaining high standards in examination conduct. While these security measures are stringent, they are essential for preserving the sanctity of examinations. The clarity provided in CISCE's handbook will assist schools



in implementing these measures effectively."

Implementing these stringent security measures presents practical challenges for schools, including the financial implications of installing and maintaining CCTV systems. Schools are also tasked with ensuring

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compliance with data protection regulations to safeguard student privacy while adhering to examination protocols. "We recognise the importance of meticulous planning and resource allocation to meet CISCE's directives. The decision to enforce CCTV surveillance follows previous incidents that necessitated exam rescheduling due to breaches in examination protocols. Collaboration between schools and CISCE is crucial to effectively implementing these new security measures. It ensures that we uphold the integ-

ity of examinations while adapting to evolving security needs."

As schools prepare to implement these measures ahead of the 2025 examinations, there is a concerted effort towards strict adherence to guidelines and proactive preparation. CISCE's role in providing clear directives and support to affiliated schools remains pivotal in ensuring a smooth transition to enhanced security protocols. "CISCE's decision to mandate CCTV surveillance in examination halls marks a proactive stride towards fortifying the credibility of examinations. While challenges in implementation exist, schools express optimism about the long-term benefits these measures will bring to the examination process, ensuring fairness and reliability in assessments," added another school principal.

STORY BEHIND THE PHOTO

ALONE TIME

A pigeon spotted enjoying a brief moment of silence.

The picture was clicked by reader **Vijita Asher**



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Palike proposes steep fine of ₹500 for cleanliness violations

Jump from ₹50 to ₹500 sparks citizens concerns; focus on education and outreach urged

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The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) meetings with the Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) include guidelines for the storage of fresh water and the entry of ASHA workers and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) into apartment spaces. The BBMP is also considering increasing the penalty for households failing to maintain cleanliness to Rs 500. As per the current rules, a Rs 50 fine

is imposed for the first day and Rs 15 for subsequent days. BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath stressed the need for a higher fine, stating, "The current Rs 50 penalty is insufficient. During recent discussions at the health minister's meeting, we were told to increase the proposal to raise the fine to Rs 500. Once we get the proceedings, we will look at amending our bylaws to enhance the fine amount."

Reacting to this, Ramesh Kumar, a resident of Indiranagar, said, "A jump from Rs 50 to Rs 500 seems drastic. While cleanliness is crucial, such a hefty fine might burden many households, especially those unaware of the rules. The BBMP should focus on educating

residents first." Prakash Reddy, a resident of Jayanagar, added, "If the BBMP can ensure regular checks and proper waste management, residents will naturally comply, irrespective of the fine. While I support clean surroundings, the fine should be reasonable and enforced fairly. Additionally, BBMP should conduct awareness campaigns and simplify rules before implementing such a significant increase."

Nath also held a meeting with Resident Welfare Associations where they discussed the need for regularly replacing stored fresh water in the apartments every four to five days. Guidelines have been sent to RWAs.

ASHA workers and ANMs are facing challenges in

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— Tushar Giri Nath, BBMP Chief Commissioner



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reaching apartment dwellers as access inside premises or meeting people for educational purposes is restricted. Therefore, apartment associations are urged to allow ASHA workers and ANMs to conduct outreach. Highlighting the scale of the initiative, Nath mentioned that approximately 12.5 lakh vulnerable properties will be targeted. To achieve this, 3,000 teams will be mobilised to cover every household effectively.

DID YOU KNOW?



The origins of chess are often traced back to ancient India around 1,500 years ago. The game is believed to have evolved from chaturanga, a strategic war game that thrived in northwestern India during the 7th century. Chaturanga featured different military units representing elephants, chariots, cavalry, and infantry, each with distinct movements on a board divided into squares. Over time, this game spread to Persia, where it further developed into shatranj, before reaching Europe in the Middle Ages. From these historical roots, modern chess eventually emerged as a globally popular game of skill and strategy.

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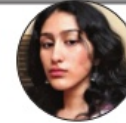
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TAP THE CHATTER

where Bangaloreans speak their mind

What's your favourite pastime during rainy afternoons?



Sameeha Naz, BM Reader

During rainy afternoons, I either sleep while listening to the rain or watch the rain while enjoying music. I mostly sleep to the sound of the rain, but when I don't feel like sleeping, I listen to slow songs or read a book by the window.



Vanshika Sriram, BM Reader

During rainy afternoons in Bangalore, the weather is both pleasant and comforting, offering a much-needed respite from the heat. It becomes an ideal time to curl up and watch a good movie or read a book with a hot cup of coffee.



Emil Mariya, BM Reader

I usually watch Netflix while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee. I keep a show I've been wanting to watch and snuggle in my bed with a hot drink or ice cream. Sometimes, I go out to watch the rain, see the lightning, and then come back.



K S Mangalam, BM Reader

Rainy afternoons are something I eagerly wait for. It's a great time to enjoy hot and spicy bajji bonda. I love the smell of the earth during the first few drops of rain and enjoy the chillness of the weather.



Omar Najeel, BM Reader

Sometimes, I embrace the couch potato life. I throw on some sweatpants, make a big bowl of noodles or order some fries, and settle in for a classic movie marathon, like the Harry Potter series.



Reya V, BM Reader

Getting lost in a book while noticing the grey skies and rain pattering on the window is soothing. The gentle sound of raindrops and the soft light create a calming atmosphere, making it a perfect escape from everyday chaos.

SPEAK TO US

Which local festivals or events do you think showcase the vibrancy and unity of Bangaloreans?

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Smooth as glass

How to get that glass skin glow: 7 easy steps

Achieving glass skin does not happen overnight. It calls for consistent skincare practices, intake of the right food and a persistent skin regime

The rise in K-pop (Korean popular) love has picked up pace and it's surely not slowing down anytime soon. It got us using bee venom, snail mucin, sheet masks and also introduced us to glass skin. The concept of flawless shiny skin that almost can reflect light, being as transparent as glass is what glass skin is. Korean culture has indeed got us cutting bangs, calling bae Oppa instead and has definitely amped up our taste in music.

But achieving glass skin, like the things mentioned above, can't happen overnight. It calls for consistent skincare practices, intake of the right food and a persistent skin regime.

Attaining that perfect clear glass skin is the ultimate goal! And, lucky for you we have a few perfect ways to achieve it. There are a plethora of products available in the market in formats such as creams, serums, and gels.

Skincare is an essential part of our lives; if it isn't already, then make it happen! In search of glass skin, we try out different products and trends that come up almost daily these days, as well as follow the many skincare tips that come our way through the various media we are exposed to.

What makes glass skin different from honey or dew skin is that it's intensively moisturised.

The process doesn't involve using astringents and is based on hydrating ingredients that maintain the pH balance of your skin. That also means that each of us has to use products suitable to our skin type to manage the right pH and hydration level to achieve this impeccably smooth glass skin. Korean beauty culture has its own set of secret ingredients for getting this done - No, it's not plastic surgery.

Here are 7 easy steps to get glass skin at home.

1. Double Cleansing

Creating a blank canvas of skin is the goal here. Our skin gets tired with the accumulation of dirt, oil, makeup residues and other pollutants by the end of the day. Using cleansing oil, micellar

water and other products to remove makeup residue and greasy substances makes the skin feel light. This should be followed by a gentle foam wash.

Double cleansing reverts your skin to its original form, clearing everything that's not part of it. It forms the natural layer to absorb oncoming products.

Tip: Make sure to pick a sulphate-free cleanser. Sulphate tends to remove all beneficial oil from the skin, dehydrating it, which is absolutely not what we want for a glass skin.

2. Exfoliate

Our skin produces dead cells every 30 days. Accumulation of these can keep the skin from breathing as it clogs pores resulting in dull skin and the formation of blackheads and whiteheads. Exfoliate your face using a scrub or other physical exfoliators. This is an important step in the glass skin routine. Make sure not to overdo it in case you have sensitive skin.

Tip: Sheet masks are another trick adopted from Korean beauty culture to soothe the skin and repair damage by locking in moisture. It's excellent for exfoliating dead cells.

3. Tone

There is a general belief that toners make the skin dry. Contrary to that, Korean beauty culture asks us to use toners (layers of it) to minimise pores and balance the pH level. Use hydrating toners that have pro-vitamin B5 content which helps in reducing moisture loss and making skin soft and supple.

Check for toners with ingredients like green tea, galactomyces, ginseng and floral water to set the Korean skin goal right!

Tip: You can also use essence after toner for targeted areas facing pigmentation issues as they hydrate and re-balance our skin.

4. Serum

Serums have highly concentrated multitasking ingredients that have the powers of anti-ageing properties such as collagen that helps in firmness, reducing wrinkles or fine lines and nourishing the skin from within by giving that 'lit from within' glow. It even minimises pores and evens out skin tone.

Tip: Take a few drops of serum and gently apply throughout the face and neck (never forget the neck area). Use a hydrating serum with hyaluronic acid to boost moisture content.

5. Moisturise

The key step to achieving glass skin is moisturising. It is no new information that moisturising makes the skin feel soft and fresh. It gives that glassy shine you are looking for. Use a lightweight moisturiser that packs maximum moisture and also houses nourishing botanical extracts and antioxidants.

Tip: To make the most of this step, massage the face and neck well in an upward direction while moisturising.

6. Eye and Lip Cream

Eyes are doors to the soul, but we don't want doormats of dark circles. Glass skin is far away from our reach if we have patches under our eyes. Bid adieu to cracked lips with constant lip balm usage. Apply serum or eye cream to the eye area. These sensitive areas require extra care. Regular sleep and healthy food habits matter a lot in making your eyes look young, glowing and happy.

7. Sunscreen

All these efforts are in vain if a proper sunscreen isn't used. UV rays have proven to have the ability to form fine lines on the skin and could even cause skin cancer. Make sure to apply sunscreen evenly on your face 20 minutes before you go out and reapply every two hours.

— PR Gayathri, Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

Study finds how neurological symptoms associated with aura, migraine

For the first time, new research explains the relationship between the neurological symptoms of aura and the ensuing migraine, elucidating how a brain fluid flow disruption and a spreading wave of disruption cause headaches. New proteins uncovered in the study may also be the basis for future migraine medications since they may be the cause of headaches.

The findings of the study appeared in the journal Science.

"In this study, we describe the interaction between the central and peripheral nervous system brought about by increased concentrations of proteins released in the brain during an episode of spreading depolarization, a phenomenon responsible for the aura associated with migraines," said Maiken Nedergaard, MD, DMSc, co-director of the University of Rochester Center for Translational Neuromedicine and lead author of the new study.

"These findings provide us with a host of new tar-

gets to suppress sensory nerve activation to prevent and treat migraines and strengthen existing therapies."

It is estimated that one out of 10 people experience migraines and in about a quarter of these cases the headache is preceded by an aura, a sensory disturbance that can include light flashes, blind spots, double vision, and tingling sensations or limb numbness.

These symptoms typically appear five to 60 minutes prior to the headache.

The cause of the aura is a phenomenon called cortical spreading depression, a temporary depolarization of neurons and other cells caused by diffusion of glutamate and potassium that radiates like a wave across the brain, reducing oxygen levels and impairing blood flow. Most frequently, the depolarization event is located in the visual processing center of the brain cortex, hence the visual symptoms that first herald a coming headache.

—ANI

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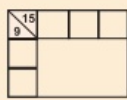
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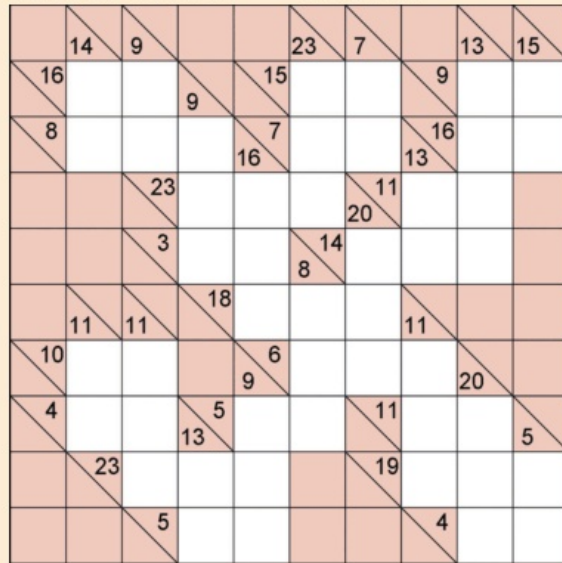
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Stalemate (8)
- 7 K Asif's magnum opus Mughal-e- (4)
- 8 Brought to mind; suggested to? (8)
- 9 Concealed (6)
- 10 Close at hand (6)
- 11 Wisecrack (3)
- 12 Violent person or animal (5)
- 14 Air attack (5)
- 16 ___ going : departed? (3)
- 18 Large spade (6)
- 20 Conundrum (6)
- 22 Governor of Karnataka from 2009 to 2014 (8)
- 23 Roman 57 (4)
- 24 Baring one's teeth in a smile? (8)

DOWN

- 1 Giddier (7)
- 2 Carrying weapons (5)
- 3 Tempting (6)
- 4 Advent or arrival (6)
- 5 Bitter or sour (5)
- 6 Available if needed (2,4)
- 13 Inn (6)
- 15 Preparing land by ploughing (7)
- 16 Glare, scowl or pout (6)
- 17 Classical hard worker (6)
- 19 Dull and tedious, slang word (5)
- 21 ___ Lama is spiritual leader of Tibet? (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Y EQUALS C
GJS ZPBK'H ABZDXHG SKHMD
GJS XZUB WJNBHXMKE NKBG
YZK'H OSG.



Linemaro

I hope there's a fire truck nearby, for you're smokin'



Mindchow

When you fail to prepare, you prepare to fail



Joke of the day

Q: Why don't they have any toilet paper in KFC?
A: Because it's finger licking good!

Loop

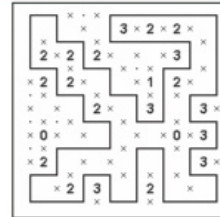
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

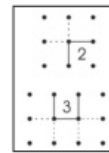
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

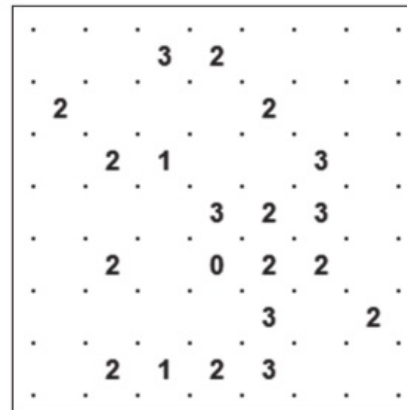
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



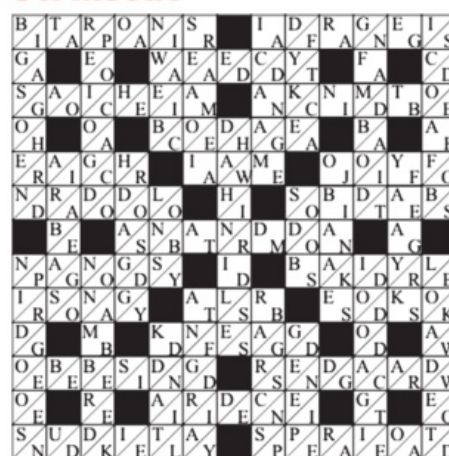
(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed



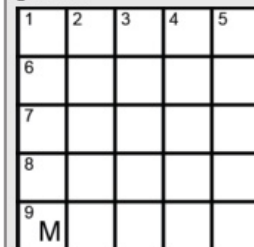
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

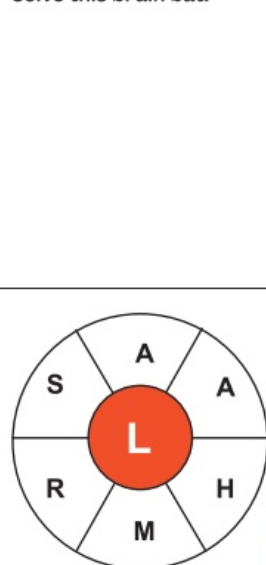
- 1 Assam; 6 I blat;
- 7 Treen; 8 Genoa;
- 9 Moans

DOWN

- 1 Ameba; 2 Nag ma;
- 3 Alost; 4 Tones;
- 5 Resin

Mensapuzzle

Solve this brain bat:



S.C.H.O.O.L D.A.Y

Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

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Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sleeve is longer. 2. Glass is moved. 3. Picture on wall is moved. 4. Man has more hair. 5. Finger is added. 6. Earring is added.

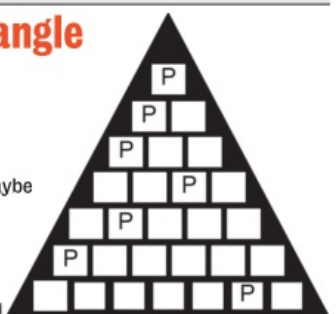
Riddler

What is represented below? OdOoOmO

Alpha triangle

- 1 Parking sign
- 2 Dad
- 3 Pod vegetable
- 4 A coastal feature
- 5 Room
- 6 Nuts for pralines
- 7 Pitches a tent, maybe

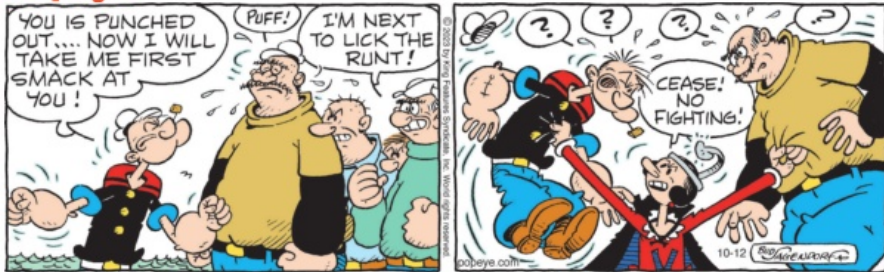
Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip



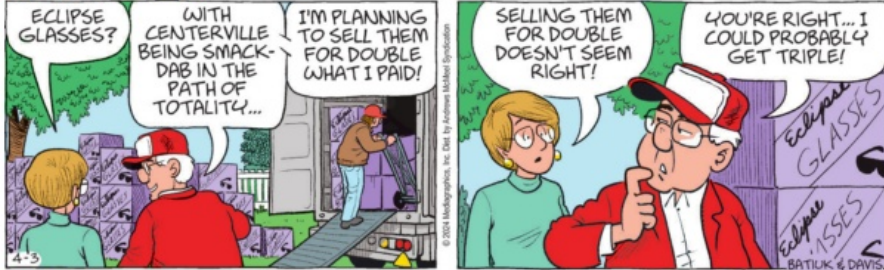
Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

You are inclined towards spiritualism today; it may make you happy. You may plan to visit a religious place. You may also take an interest in occult science. You are content with your positive thinking, which may give you confidence. You are likely to observe flawlessness in your nature. It is advised to keep your views to yourself and try to discuss them with those who may understand your feelings.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today, your mother's health may be good. You may enjoy your work, and you may get rewards for your hard work. Your social respect may be increased now. Overworking your mind may make you tired, and due to your workload, you may not be able to attend some family events.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today you may feel good; domestic harmony may make you happy. You may meet some influential people to get some benefits on the job front. You may be likely to perform well in your job, and you may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property may likely settle now.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, you may feel nervous, you may lack patience, and you may be attracted to the occult. It is advised to follow your intuition before making any important decisions. You may also gain deep knowledge on a subject, or you may have a good focus on your research.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

You may feel dull today. It is advised to keep your mind cool. It's a golden rule for you to think twice before you take any action. You may travel to recover your money; otherwise, you may lose your money. You are also advised to avoid going on adventure tours. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to achieve success.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, you may feel dull. You may be a victim of sleeplessness due to anxiety; you are advised to meditate. You may also spend money to show off in society, which may affect your savings. You are advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, your moon is in a good position; you may expect some positive momentum in professional and domestic life. There are likely to be gains in terms of your investments. You may get reciprocation for your help from your friends and relatives, and your hard work may pay off in terms of success.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today, you may be satisfied at work, and you may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also want to visit some of your relatives. Disputes with the siblings may likely be resolved now. Your mentors may show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today, you are blessed by a positive moon. Your losses may likely be converted into profits. You may likely be in a winning position in state-related matters. Couples expecting a child may hear good news. Parent's health is also under control now.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, you may find yourself in a state of self-analysis, which will strengthen your confidence. Your focus on your goals is now clear; you may achieve your goal. Your creativity might improve, and you will take an interest in artefacts, movies, glamour, and real-life objects. Your opponents may be under control now. At the end of the day, you may be satisfied with your life.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, you may be busy with domestic issues. You may spend money buying some artefacts or household items. You are advised to control spending on worthless stuff; otherwise, it may attract negative energy into the house. You are also advised to control your harsh language with the people around you.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today, you may help needy people around you. It may increase your reputation in society. New ideas may come into your mind, and you may likely implement the innovation into your work, which may increase your business. Lovebirds may plan outings or adventure tours.



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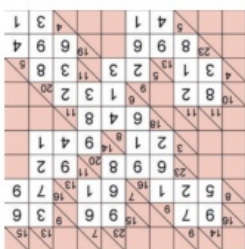


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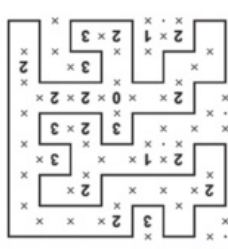
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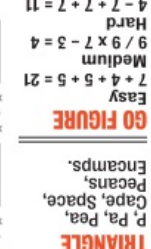
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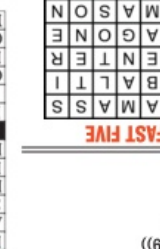
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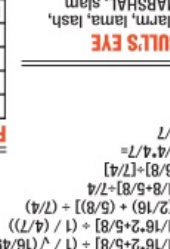
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Mum's the word

Alia reveals she would love for Raha to discover her own identity

Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor have been extremely doting parents ever since their daughter Raha was born. Ever since Raha's face was unveiled to the world in December 2023, she's been a favourite of the paps. While Raha has this legacy to carry forward as both her parents are actors and she also has all the legendary Kapoor genes, Alia has recently revealed that she's going to allow Raha to be her own person.

The actress who has also recently turned writer and launched a children's book, spoke about her parenting journey. Alia told Hindustan Times, "When it comes to the legacy that I envisioned as an actor and a mother, I don't think it has been calculated from my side. The choices I make as a mother are also very instinctive to what I feel is best for my child. I am very meticulous, but I can also be very random. So I'm kind of a mix of both."

She further added that while Raha belongs to this family, she will allow her to discover her own identity. Alia said, "I do believe children are born with their own personality. You just have to nurture and care for them and let them find their own feet. Let them be their own person. I don't think I want her (Raha) to ever be any version of herself that she doesn't feel most comfortable with."

Alia is beautifully balancing motherhood along with her career at the moment. The actress will be seen next in 'Jigar' which is her home production, set to release in September. But Alia fans cannot keep calm as her Spy Universe film with YRF has just been announced today and it's titled 'Alpha'. It sees her alongside Sharvari.

-ETimes

Packed with action and romance

JIGAR (KANNADA)

2.5 RATING ★★★★★

• **DIRECTOR** Suri Kunder

• **ACTORS** Praveen Tej, Vijayashree Kalburgi, Bala Rajwadi, Yash Shetty, Vinaya Prasad, and Bhavya Poojari.

• **Duration** 122 minutes

• **Certification** UA



Suri Kunder makes his debut as an independent director in Sandalwood with this movie. Though Jigar is his maiden movie, he has handled the megaphone with aplomb. He has ensured many action scenes in the movie to justify the title of the movie. He has tried to convey a message to the society that criminals are not born but made. The movie also showcases how parents suffer when their children are killed by rowdies.

The movie begins with Jeeva (Praveen Tej), a loan recovery agent, struggling to recover EMIs and seize vehicles from loan defaulters in Bengaluru. Circumstances compel Jeeva to leave for his home town. At this juncture, the director narrates how Jeeva used to lead life at his village, but was compelled to leave for Bengaluru to work as a loan recovery agent.

Jeeva happens to see Raksha (Vijayashree Kalburgi), a college student. Smitten by her beauty, he falls in love with her. However, Raksha's parents do not like her to marry Jeeva. They arrange her marriage with another person. What happens to Jeeva and Raksha is what Jigar is all about.

As far as the performance of the actors is concerned, Praveen Tej, who has acted in a few Kannada movies, has tried his best. He is very good in action and romance scenes but not up to the mark in emotional scenes. Vijayashree Kalburgi is impressive. Veteran actress Vinaya Prasad, as a concerned mother, provides good support. Raja Balwadi as Bhandari and Yash Shetty as Malpe Munna are convincing as villains.

The drawback of the movie is the number of action scenes that hampers the narrative and tests audiences' patience.

All in all, it is worth a watch for a story set in Coastal Karnataka backdrop.

-Y Maheswara Reddy

KAAGADA (KANNADA)

3.0 RATING ★★★★★

• **DIRECTOR** Ranjith
• **ACTORS** Aditya Karegowda, Ankitha Jayaram, Neha Patil, Bala Rajwadi, Adarsha, Tejaswini, Gautam Raj, Mata Koppala and Ninasam Ashwath.

• **Duration** 149 minutes

• **Certification** U

A complicated love story



and no one in the movie, either the lead pair or villain, uses a mobile phone.

The movie begins with a grave digger (Vimalraj) cautioning adolescents not to enter the burial ground. Later the scene shifts to a quarry where a mentally-challenged person is killed. The quarry belongs to Kari Gowda (Bala Rajwadi), the leader of Bhairavakote village, where people live in harmony. Shivu (Aditya Karegowda) is a bright student of the school where Salma (Neha Patil) works as a teacher. Salma's niece Ayesha (Ankita Jayaram) joins the same school. Salma asks Shivu to share his notes with Ayesha. Predictably, the two become friends and later fall in love.

Meanwhile, some people from the neighbouring village Kempanahalli enter Bhairavakote and try to construct a mosque. What happens to Shivu and Aiysha, who belong to different

communities, is what Kaagada is all about.

As far as the performance of the actors is concerned, Aditya and Ankita have acted well. Both are good in dialogue delivery and body language and they look like they are made for each other. It is nice to see Neha Patil on the screen after a gap of four years. Bala Rajwadi, Shiva Manju, and Gautam Raj provide good support. It is a treat to watch Adarsha, who plays Ramesha, and Tejaswini, who plays Sunita from Kempanahalli. Character artistes Ninasam Ashwath and Mata Koppala have nothing to do in this movie except appearing in a few scenes and delivering a few dialogues.

Had the director reduced the run time of the movie by 10 to 15 minutes, the movie would have been a good entertainer.

It is worth a watch for family audiences.

-Y Maheswara Reddy

Kaagada is Ranjith's second film as a director in Sandalwood. Ranjith, in his maiden movie Apple Cake of 2018, made an attempt to showcase the plight of youngsters who come to Bengaluru to realise their dreams. For his second film, he has selected a complicated love story. Kaagada (meaning a letter in Kannada), begins on a promising and interesting note with the lead pair Aditya Karegowda and Ankitha Jayaram outdoing each other in terms of acting. The story of the movie is set at a time when the penetration of mobile phones in rural areas was at a nascent stage